

Amendment Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 25, with the following paragraph.

The racemic or chiral Weinreb amide of formula (IV) may be prepared according to a method similar to that described in *Eur. J. Med. Chem.*, **35**, (2000), 979-988 and *J. Med. Chem.*, **41**, (1998), 591-601. The phenyllithium compound of general formula (V) where X represents a hydrogen atom is commercially available. Its substituted derivatives may be prepared according to a method similar to that described in *Tetra. Lett.*, **57**, 33, (1996), 5905-5908. The pyridine oxime of formula (XI) is prepared according to a method similar to that described in Patent Application EP-0366006. The amine of general formula (IX) in which X represents a hydrogen atom may be prepared in a chiral series according to a method described in Patent US-2928835. Finally, the amine of general formula (XIII) may be prepared according to a method similar to that described in *Chem. Pharm. Bull.*, **32, 12**, (1984), 4893-4906 and *Synthesis*, (1976), 593-595.